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JOSHUA WESTON
1820

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Joseph and Rebecca Weston and their family lived in Millbrook in what is now Cranberry Cottage, which he had inherited from his father, Thomas, in 1776, and which included a joiner's shop. At Joseph's death in 1814 the homestead farm was divided among his nine children. Judith's share consisted of the half acre adjacent to the homestead on the north and included the southwest quarter of the barn, being the northeast corner of the property. Judith married and lived on Powder Point, so she sold her share to her brother Joshua in 1820 for \$80. He was a carpenter and then 22 years old. The property is described as "a parcel of improved land with a ship joiner's shop standing on the premises."

Joshua built a substantial Cape facing the road and it is assumed that the joiner's shop became the ell which is now the kitchen and family room. He had married Elizabeth Barrows of Wareham in 1822 and eventually they moved to Wareham, selling the house to Elisha Sampson II in 1833. This transaction included part of the barn. The house was henceforth known as the Elisha Sampson homestead. In 1838, Elisha married Anna Weston who lived next door in what is now the Haviland house, and she was the daughter of Joseph Jr.

In 1876 Elisha was shot by an insane son and instantly killed. In 1886 Anna was forced to mortgage the property and eventually the mortgage was foreclosed. From 1905 there was a succession of owners until 1950, when it was sold to Miss Caroline Blodgett and Mrs. Amy Moore, two elderly sisters. It was their heirs who in 1967 sold it to Hachig and Virginia Aghjayan, the present owners. The barn is long gone and the several outbuildings have been added but the house is essentially the same, a pleasant, good-sized Cape in which to bring up a family.

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